

thousands of people, both Native and non-native, are reflected in the magnificent structure commemorating the lives of the first Americans. I also thank the thousands of participants who have come from all over the Western Hemisphere to be a part of this historic museum opening, especially those Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota peoples who have made the journey from the Great Plains and particularly South Dakota. Those that have made the trip have shared with us the richness and beauty of their cultures.

I recently had the opportunity to tour the museum, and I am so proud to see the Native people of South Dakota represented in the museum. I am particularly contented to see that the exhibits are displayed in a manner where the tribes are able to see their story from their own point of view. This museum will forever grace the national mall in our Nation's Capitol from the serenity gardens created to surround the museum to the heart of the building's Potomac gathering place. It will take its visitors through time by allowing native people to tell their own story.

I also take this opportunity to speak of the future. With the ever changing roles of the United States government and Indian Tribes, it is imperative we constantly examine paths that strengthen that relationship. In regards to this relationship, I often hear of the tribal sovereignty and the obligations of the United States Government and its treaty and trust responsibilities. With health care in Indian Country funded at 50 percent its necessary levels and schools that are decades past their usefulness, I think that we need to take a serious look at these responsibilities. We need to do more to combat the deplorable conditions that many of our native peoples are subjected, and to develop a plan to alleviate these hardships.

Forever, this museum will grace our national mall. With this new beginning and its reflections of the past, we must now look to the future, the future of Indian country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

BAYAUD INDUSTRIES

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I would like to honor the fine work and dedication of Bayaud Industries of Denver, CO. This non-profit organization offers disabled Coloradans vocational rehabilitation and employment services. I am pleased to acknowledge their efforts and successes.

Founded in 1969, Bayaud Industries is celebrating this year its 35th anniversary of service to the disabled community. Bayaud currently employs and trains more than 300 disabled individuals so that they can succeed in the workplace with the goal to provide paid, steady work for every person enrolled in these programs. More than

5,000 disabled Coloradans have benefited from the services provided by Bayaud Industries. Bayaud Industries is comprised of 48 staff members who are dedicated to helping the disabled community. Its efforts have resulted in a listing by the Denver Business Journal as one of the top 25 Colorado human service agencies. Additionally, Bayaud Industries has been awarded numerous grants from leading Colorado foundations and corporations.

Bayaud's services include vocational evaluation, work adjustment training, a General Office Skills Training program, job placement, and job coaching. The first step in training is in the Vocational Evaluation Program, a 4-week process that assesses an individual's skill needs to succeed in the workplace.

After an individual goes through Bayaud's Vocational Evaluation, the Work Adjustment Training helps individuals increase their self-confidence to help them acclimate appropriately to the workplace environment. Throughout this particular training, individuals are taught how to manage the daily stresses of any work environment, which helps create successful and stable employment.

Bayaud's General Office Skills Training program works to familiarize people with the technological aspects of the workplace. Computers are essential in many jobs, and these individuals are given the training necessary to make their employment a success.

Bayaud Industries uses these programs to provide help with one of the most important aspects of employment assistance: Job placement. From resume writing to interview skills, Bayaud Industries strives to ensure that all individuals are properly trained to search for a job that fits their needs and guarantees their achievement. This aspect of Bayaud is crucial to better understand the individual and to find the perfect job fit for both the business and the employee.

After job training and placement, Bayaud continues its relationship with their employees by offering job counseling. Through its quality assistance and care, Bayaud Industries fosters a relationship between these individuals and the 200 businesses across Colorado that employ them. Bayaud works to provide personalized assistance to all individuals with disabilities, addressing each client's specific needs and goals.

I thank Bayaud Industries for their continued efforts for the disabled community and to businesses across Colorado.

Bayaud's exemplary services are needed and greatly appreciated. •

DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and the nomination was confirmed: Alan Greenspan, of New York,

to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4596. An act to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009.

H.R. 4606. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1134. A bill to reauthorize and improve the programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (Rept. No. 108-382).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2880. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to ensure full and free competition in the medical device and hospital supply industries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2881. A bill to clarify that State tax incentives for investment in new machinery and equipment are a reasonable regulation of commerce and not an undue burden on interstate commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2882. A bill to make the program for national criminal history background checks for volunteer groups permanent; considered and passed.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2883. A bill to amend the International Child Abduction Remedies Act to limit the tort liability of private entities or organizations that carry out responsibilities of United States Central Authority under that Act; considered and passed.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. REED, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BUNNING, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MILLER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARPER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 2884. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to award grants to public